AMERICA IN FRANCE

II---Picardy

Cantigny is an obscure old village less than an hour's walk from Montdidier. Though the walls of its chateau have looked down an many an invasion—in one century or another English, Spanish and German armies have fought through that countryside—and though it is set in a province rich in its memories of ancient France, Cantigny itself has found no great place in the pages of the French chronicles.

But its name is sure of a place in the mariean history, for the village fell into the hands of the Germans during the great drive of March 21, and it was in recapturing it two months later that American troops made their first attack in force on a European battlefield.

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Cantigny is in Picardy, the province which lay to the north of the lands of the Dukes of France—lay between Artois and Normandy and followed the waters of the Somme down to the sea. It was not until the end of the 15th century that the wily Louis XI added Picardy to the royal domain and so placed above the heart of France a slout buckler that was destined to resist many an ugly and savage blow.

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For Picardy—ardent Picardy, as the greatest of French historians has called it—has always been a battlefield and its people always warriors. The very towers and battlements of its peaceful convents give to its hillsides the look of a country dotted with fortresses. Tradition says that the Picards owe their name to the pique, a long and wicked lance which was their favorite weapon. France has had no greater lighters than the proud and gattent Picard captains, the Sires de Couex, in whose armourful device one reads the boast; "Roy ne suis, ne prince, ne due awsi, je suis le Sire de Couey," and the crumbling remnants of whose charent was wantonly destroyed by the Germans in this

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ly destroyed by the Germans in this war.

When Francis I raised his army to do battle with his foes in England and on the continent, one of his legions came from Pleardy, and the first regiment of national infantry in France's history was the "Regiment de Plearde," created by Henry, II in 1588.

Even in peace times the Pleards fought. Nowhere else in France did the fight of the workers against all lordly infusitice and oppression by the rich come so early. Nowhere else was the fight so hardy and so stubboru.

Some Famous Picards

From Picardy came Condorect, the philosopher and writer, who studied with such interest the birth of the new republic in America, and who died in prison by his own hand in the days of the Reign of Terror.

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From Picardy came Peter the Hernit, the strange, swarthy liftle man who led the Persants Crusade, the first of the gallant expeditions which Christendom sent to rescue the Holy Supulchre from the descerating lands of the Turks.

Barefoot and unkempt, with long-tangled hair and beard, he rode on his mule from village to village, appealing to the crowd in churches and market places, and gathering in his wake a horde of 30,000—a grotesque rabble of pensant men, women and children, begars, cutthroats, ne'er-do-wells and adventurers, who strageled across Europe as far as Asia Minor, where the Turks cut what was left of them to pieces.

In the days to come, when sightseers from America make a pilgrimage to the streets of Cantigny, they will find it no more than a good affernoou's walk up the read to Amiens, where Peter the

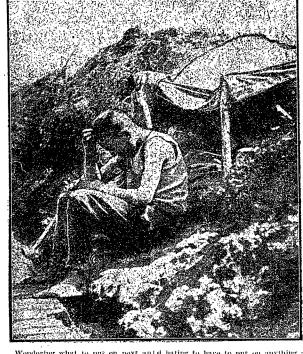
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Well, as I promised you when you came down to camp a good—ago. I am writing to you regularly, every—about the life of "this man's army." over here," as the boys so slangily put it. Things have been pretty well straightened out now, and we have just taken over a long stretch of from the the straightened of the straightened of the straightened out now, and we have just taken over a long stretch of the straightened out of the straightened out on the straightened out now, and we have the straightened out of t

They are mighty fine soldiers, those they are mighty fine soldiers, those they are only they've got some awfully finny ways of putting things. For example, they say "" when they mean "" "" when they mean "" " " when they mean "" " and so forth. But we get along fine with them, except that for the life of us we simply can't man age to drink their "" Not that we are doing very much of that sort of thing over here, because the Army rules are very strict and we get good warm served to us times a day to go with the mand and that form the greater part of our rations. Still, it isn't half as good as the "you used to make for me when I came around to see you are mighty fine soldiers, those

REVEILLE IN THE LINE



Wondering what to put on next an all and grumpy anyway at having to about the way the American soldier is developed as he is now in the very front is that he isn't scratching his head just the the state of the services. And the best of the services a reason"—out, out.

LITTLE LESSONS IN AMERICAN

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AUTHOR'S NOTE.—Did you ever take what is known as obsolete or archaic one of the Y.M.C.A. courses in French, 13 lessons, 15 francs? After you have mastered the language and have tearned all about elision, you know that egg is "unif," but three eggs are "trwa zeri." We have clision in American; eg., "full house" is elided to "fullouse," and "this is it" to "thi sizit."

MINUTES' SHOWN as obsolete or archaic present European was, the States gradually became dry, and the following terms were dropped from common usage terms when the states are dropped from common usage terms. The beerzone concentration of the beautiful men "One boiler-maker and two beautiful men "One boiler-maker a

JESSON NO. 1.—Translate into Euglish the following American:—
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Translation of English into American:

ENGLISH

Why do you not write to me, dear, and so let me know that you are steadfast in your plighted troin? Alas, I fear lest your affection is fixed on some one—more charming shall I say? It is long since a message has come from across the seas to console and conflort me to the state of the console and conflort me console and conflort me check the had not an evening would pass without a letter or a note from you to your devoted

AMERICAN LESSON NO. 10.—The medical department has a phraseology peculiar to itself:

MEDICAL AMERICAN, ENOUGH, MAIT dead, Patter line,

Only half dead, Inspection, LESSON NO. 11.—In the United States there still survives old army American:—One Army American in the mill. Putein in that mill. Putein in that mill. Where d'we gofrum here? Where d'we gofrum Alizan hour late. Sawmuh girl. Letters are very late. Met my fiannée.

AMERICAN AMERICAN

Hey, kiddo, why doucha droppa linetu
mih, huh? Aincha gomabe m'only honey
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poor, heer postul, huh? Before yuh crostlan
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Cumacrost. I'll stickto yuh (ill alitha cuwzin U. S. cumohm. Geiwize. I'm witcha.
'Mannie.

LESSON NO. 3.—Elide the following English into American:—
All at once. When did you'ger your last Joy? Come on, boys, it is time to get up. Count off. At rest. Let bim up. Saune. Lights out.

LESSON NO. 4.—American can be of the extraction of 15 francs for the course of 17 lossons:

American on typewriter. Try this ouec for your Olivers—

Englast. Nowztha time ferall good menta cumta thaiduf their party.

LESSON NO. 5.—French can be trans lated directly into American:— "Comment edgo-vous?"
"How sport?"
"Bomsoir, mademoiselle."
"Lo kiddo, wheryu goen?"
"Combien?"
"How mutch izit?"
"You revoir."
"You goen?"

LESON NO. 7.—In sports American is widely employed, although English is understood by many athletes in the American Expeditionary Forces. Take this lesson to a ball game and translate the phrases into English:—

Atta boy, He bingledit, Kill th'min, Crmon in, An gwan, he's safe. Put flover, Hescezy, Nockem cold. Swatt, Hans.

WILL BOTH BE ROUND

Each the Size of a Silver Half Dollar," Says New G.O.

I wonder if you are going to—simuch these days, and who is taking you to them. I hope it isn't some—who could have joined but didn't, or some giry in a — proof job that is hollering from the sidelines. It's a terrible world, an't it. — when you can't be in two places at once? But never mind; "— as our —— Allies say.

Well, give my best to your—work on. And thank you again for those—you mightly handy.

As ever yours.

*Those three dots can mean anything; good stuff.

OLD AND NEW STYLE—NO. 2

In camp back home: Sir, Lieutenant Blank, U.S.R. reports to the Major for duty.

Over here: Sir, I am under orders to report here for work.

Farther north, over here: Well, here I am, sir!

You have got to wear around your neek from now on, if you haven't already, two aluminum identification tags. The difference in your case—that both of them be round, "each the size of a silver half dollar," as a new general order puts it. The old square ones (or as nearly square as they could be cut in a hurry) are going to go by the board.

Every officer and enlisted man of the A.E.F. and every civilian attached thereto, will wear the two tags, the second suspended from the first by a short piece of string or tape.

In the case of officers, the tags will be stainped with the name, rank, regiment, corps or department of the wearer and the letters "U.S." either in such form as "—U.S. Infantry," or "U.S. Air Service." In case the officer is not a member of an organization, corps or department, his tags will be stamped simply with letters, "U.S.A."

Lulisted men's tags will be warer's name on one side, with the letters "U.S.A."

Lulisted men's tags will be army serial number.

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American Aviator Chases Away Hun Flyer Who Tries to Butt in

In an open-air theater right back of the lines, sheltered from the rude gaze of dead-head Boche spectators by a mantling wood, some five companies of

the times, shellered from the rude gaze of dead-head Boche spectators by a manifing wood, some five companies of the — Infantry put on a real show the other day in honor of "the ladies, bless em." The Salvation Army sisters and the Y.M.C.A. women had done so much for the doughboys to take the curse off war that they felt they simply had to do something for them in return.

They put up a real stage, with Army blankets for curtains. They scared up a piano from somewhere—the paluo detail won't tell, but the instrument had a German name on it. And they drafted all the musical, comical, linguistical and otherwise talent in the five companies to make the show a success—the ragitime key-tonser from C. "Lady Evelyn." The Hula-Hula dancer (in military life. It company's second cook), the stringed quartet, and, if course, the regimental band. To top it off, they got the chaplain and the colonel took advantage of the auspicious occasion to lell them how good they were.

Toward the end of the program they heard machine gun fring—just like rain outside a regular theater, or like the "thunder from without" in "King Lear." Looking up toward and through the tree tops, they saw an American plane diving into a Flying Dutchman. Whereupon the aviator was thereby christened the official bonneer for the open-air theater; and he did his bonneting lob well. The Boche put to flight, the band played "The Star Spangled Banner." and the audience of 1,500 rose and went to its stations.

After the vandeville shows, the officers of the five companies entertained the serve Y.M. and Salvation Army women at a dinner that boasted a strawberry short-cake—real, and the first one ever seen at the front, according to report. Three of the officers are said to have walked 15 miles and back to collect the berries for it. But who wouldn't?

WHAT THE D STOOD FOR

LONDON. June 27.—A new player was found in the Army Hendquarters' team when play was called in the game against the Northolt Air Service (A.E.F.) at Chelsea Saturday. After he had made a couple of hundlinger catches, startled the grandstand with a few long throws, and got a few smashing swats at bat, people began to ask one another, "Who is the tall newcomer?"

He wore a white uniform with a "D" stood for Detroit. Then came the sensational news that the player was Laffitte, star twirler for Hughie Jennings in 1910, 1911, 1912, and 1913, and later with the Brooklyn Federals.

Laffitte is now an M.O.R.C. captain attached to the London base and will be seen in future games.

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